

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 19, 2008. Claims 1, 3, 7 and 8 are amended and claims 1-8 are pending. No new matter is introduced. The Examiner has indicated that the claims are allowed over the prior art and has rejected the claims based on indefiniteness and provisional double-patenting issues as outlined below. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing the claims over prior art and respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, which address the indefiniteness and double-patenting rejections.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for not specifying a conductive component in the body of the claims. The Examiner has suggested including “a conductive material” in claims 1 and 3. Independent claims 1 and 3 have been amended accordingly. Claims 7 and 8 are amended to correct informalities. Accordingly, claim 1, and claim 2, which is dependent from claim 1, and claim 3, and claims 4-8, which are dependent from claim 3, are allowable.

Provisional Double-Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-8 are provisionally rejected on grounds of non-statutory double-patenting over claims 1-9 of Applicants’ co-pending application serial number 10/590,538. The Examiner indicated that this rejection can be overcome by timely filing a terminal disclaimer. Please find attached a signed terminal disclaimer.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that all of the claims remaining in the application are now allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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